

## **The Believer's Family (pt. 6)**

### **The Reason and Foundation of Marriage**

The importance of strong family.

The purpose of marriage: sanctification.

The backbone of marriage: submit to one another.

The lead in marriage: The Head (the Savior).

The conflict in marriage pt. 1: Hurt (be washed).

The conflict in marriage pt. 2: Hunger (love as you love your own body).

**The completion in marriage: For this reason . . .**

**The foundation of marriage: Leave . . .**

The passion in marriage: Cleave

The goal in marriage: One flesh

The mystery of marriage: Christ and His church

#### **Ephesians 5:21-33 (NIV)**

<sup>21</sup> Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

<sup>22</sup> Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord.

<sup>23</sup> For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.

<sup>24</sup> Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her

<sup>26</sup> to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word,

<sup>27</sup> and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

<sup>28</sup> In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

<sup>29</sup> After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church--

<sup>30</sup> for we are members of his body.

<sup>31</sup> "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."

<sup>32</sup> This is a profound mystery--but I am talking about Christ and the church.

<sup>33</sup> However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

## For this reason:

1. Marriage is \_\_\_\_\_.

### Genesis 2:18-24 (NIV)

<sup>18</sup> The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."  
.....<sup>21</sup> So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh.

<sup>22</sup> Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

<sup>23</sup> The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man."

<sup>24</sup> For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

### Genesis 1:27 (NIV)

<sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

- a. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ about your differences, \_\_\_\_\_ them.
- b. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ yourself because of your differences use them to get \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. Don't let your differences \_\_\_\_\_ you, let them make you \_\_\_\_\_.

## Leave:

2. Marriage is \_\_\_\_\_.

### Ephesians 5:21-33 (NIV)

<sup>31</sup> "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."

- a. Leave \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Leave \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. Leave \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Love is not a \_\_\_\_\_ that leads to \_\_\_\_\_, it is \_\_\_\_\_ that lead to a \_\_\_\_\_.